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We wish you many happy hours reading -- books or eBooks -- this winter.

--Everyone at Bellingham Public Library

## Whatcom READS! Elizabeth George



Attention, mystery lovers! There's still time to read "In the Presence of the Enemy" by Elizabeth George and join the Whatcom READS! discussion before George visits Bellingham February 21 through 23. We've got a bunch of fun events lined up to round out your understanding of the novel -- and to help you write a "who done it" of your own.

## Selected Upcoming Whatcom READS! Events

*All events are free of charge and open to the public. Most will be held in the Central Library Lecture Room at 210 Central Avenue, Bellingham, unless otherwise noted.*

**Book Discussion** Tuesday, December 27

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Dodson Room, Central Library

*Grab a copy of "In the Presence of the Enemy" and come ready to discuss its themes: ideals corrupted by self-interest, the sins of parents visited upon children, and the masks that hide people from each other and from themselves. Everyone welcome.*

**Mystery Writers Panel Discussion** Thursday, January 12

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

*Local mystery authors Pamela Beason (a private investigator in her own right), Jo Dereske, and Robert Lopresti discuss the "how to do it" of writing "who done its".*

**Bellingham Police K-9 Unit** Thursday, January 19

4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

*Like Inspector Lynley in George's mysteries, Bellingham Police use all the tools at their disposal to track down criminals. Officer Shan Hannon of BPD will demonstrate how the K-9 Unit works with officers to solve crimes. Meet K-9 officers Celina and Max in action!*



**CSI Bellingham and Cold Cases** Thursday, January 26

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

*Sergeant Gitts will talk about different investigations and the types of CSI equipment and processing involved. Then hear Detective Mozelewski describe one of Bellingham's cold cases and ways that it might be solved.*

**Elizabeth George on Writing** Wednesday, February 22

4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Academic Instruction Center West, Room 204

Western Washington University

*In addition to her mystery series, George wrote a nonfiction book on writing called, "Write Away". All aspiring writers, especially high school and college English students are invited to hear her presentation on "The Art and Craft of Writing".*

**An Evening with Elizabeth George** Thursday, February 23

7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Syre Center

Whatcom Community College

*This is the culmination of Whatcom READS! 2012. Don't miss your last chance to see Elizabeth George and be a part of the discussion.*

Whatcom READS! is made possible by grants from the [Friends of the Bellingham Public Library](#), the Whatcom County Library Foundation, and [Humanities Washington](#). Humanities Washington is the state's flagship non-profit for promoting and providing programs based in the humanities. Since 1973, Humanities Washington has provided a rich array of programs, exhibits, and experiences to hundreds of thousands of people across the state.

For more information about Whatcom READS! and a complete calendar of events, visit [www.whatcomreads.org](http://www.whatcomreads.org).

## Children's Programs for Winter Break



Keeping kids occupied during Winter Break can be a challenge. Bring them to the library! In addition to browsing for books, music and movies, you can catch a free [Movie Matinee](#) (we'll be showing four recent releases). Or, get a jump start on making and writing thank you notes by bringing your family to the 21st Annual Note of Thanks program on Wednesday, December 28. Kids can use a wide variety of materials and techniques from rubber stamps to collages and impress their grandparents. This program is for families of all ages - young children should be accompanied by an adult. Drop in any time between 10:30

a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Happy Holidays!

## Friends Scholarship Essay Contest

Do you know any high school juniors planning on pursuing their education beyond high school? The Friends of the Bellingham Public Library are offering a \$500 prize to the Bellingham student who writes the best original essay describing how libraries have influenced their lives. Essays should be approximately 500 words; the deadline is March 1, 2012. For more information, visit the [Friends page](#) on the library website.

## Holiday Closures

The Bellingham Public Library, including the Central Library, Barkley Branch, Fairhaven Branch and all Library Connections, will be closed Friday, December 23 through Monday, December 26 for the Christmas holiday. All locations will be closed Monday, January 2 in observance of the New Year.

Two Library Connections are currently closed for Winter Break:

- Whatcom Community College is closed now through January 2; deliveries to the WCC Connection will resume Tuesday, January 3.
- Bellingham Technical College is closed now through January 4; deliveries to the BTC Connection will resume Monday, January 9.

All holds for the BTC and WCC Connections during the break will be kept at the Central Library for pickup. Please call 360-778-7323 if you have questions.



A happy patron presents library staff with a cake, inscribed "Books for Life"